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TRANSMITTAL OF ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE AND NON-SMALL ENTITY STATUS RECOGNITION REQUESTED

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed January 30, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our DEPOSIT ACCT. NO. 50-1413 in the amount of \$1,630.00 to cover the issue fee and the publication fee. (A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.) The formal drawings are being submitted simultaneously herewith. Applicants further request that the Commissioner for Patents take notice that the assignee, Stratos International, Inc., is a non-small entity and that the status of the above-identified patent application be changed as such.

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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This is in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed January 30, 2004. Applicants have attached eight (8) sheets of formal drawings herewith. Drawing sheets 4 and 8 are replacement drawing sheets and are marked as such. Replacement drawing sheets 4 and 8 were mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 4, 2003. Replacement drawing sheets 4 and 8 were approved by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability dated January 30, 2004. Drawing sheets 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 appear as they did upon filing on December 17, 2001. The issue fee and the publication fee are being paid simultaneously herewith.

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